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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service to Customers Located in Certain Areas Currently Being Served by Verizon South, Inc. and Request for Flexible Regulation of Local Exchange Service Offerings.

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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July 27, 2011

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
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South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC for a
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local
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Request for Flexible Regulation of Local Exchange Service Offerings

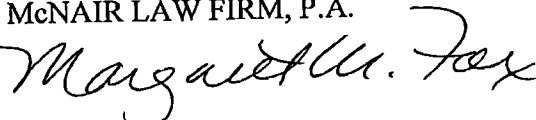
Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Palmetto Telephone Communications,
LLC, please find an Application for Expanded Authority in the above-
referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A.



Margaret M. Fox

MMF:rwm
Enclosure

cc: Valerie Ancrum, Palmetto Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.
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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. _____

IN RE:

Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC)	
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	
Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service to Customers)	APPLICATION
Located in Certain Areas Currently Being Served by Verizon)	FOR EXPANDED
South, Inc. and Request for Flexible Regulation of Local)	AUTHORITY
Exchange Service Offerings.)	
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Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC ("Applicant") hereby submits this application to the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("the Commission") to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 and the rules and regulations of the Commission, to permit it to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in certain areas currently being served by Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc., formerly Verizon South, Incorporated ("Frontier"), and United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"). Specifically, Applicant seeks to expand its service to those Frontier areas contiguous to the area served by Applicant's parent company, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and to those portions of Hampton County served by CenturyLink. The area for which Applicant seeks to expand its existing certification includes the following exchanges: Frontier's Yemassee, Ehrhardt, Olar, and Fairfax exchanges; and CenturyLink's Hampton and Estill exchanges. In support of this application, the following is shown:

1. Applicant's name and address are as follows:

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC
Post Office Drawer 1577
Walterboro, SC 29448

2. Correspondence regarding this Application should be addressed to Applicant's counsel:

M. John Bowen, Jr.
Margaret M. Fox
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3. The name, title, address and telephone number of the person who should be contacted in connection with general management of the company is:

Jason J. Dandridge
Chief Executive Officer
Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC
Post Office Drawer 1577
Walterboro, SC 29448
Telephone: (843) 538-2020
Facsimile: (843) 538-7904
Email: Jason.Dandridge@prtc.coop

4. Applicant was organized as a Limited Liability Company in the State of South Carolina in 1998. Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which has been providing local exchange telephone service in the State of South Carolina since 1955. Applicant has previously been issued certificates of public convenience and necessity by this Commission. In 1999, the Commission granted Applicant a certificate to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. See Commission Order No. 1999-617 in Docket No. 1999-309-C. In 2004, the Commission granted

Applicant a certificate to provide competitive local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in the Walterboro exchange served by Verizon South, Inc., now served by Frontier. See Commission Order No. 2004-1 in Docket No. 2003-270-C. Each of these certificates was granted to Applicant upon a finding by the Commission that Applicant has the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the requested services within the State of South Carolina, and that the Applicant met all other requirements of certification. Applicant continues to meet these requirements, as demonstrated in the description of key personnel attached as Exhibit A, and the Applicant's most recent Telecommunications Company Annual Report filed with the Commission, which is attached as Exhibit B.

5. Applicant proposes to expand its service to those areas currently being served by Frontier and CenturyLink in certain portions of Frontier's service area that are contiguous to the area served by Applicant's parent company, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and in Hampton County, as described above. The area for which Applicant seeks to expand its existing certification includes Frontier's Yemassee, Ehrhardt, Olar, and Fairfax exchanges, and CenturyLink's Hampton and Estill exchanges. Applicant will provide the same service, under the same terms and conditions, to customers located in the expanded area as it is currently providing to customers in its presently certificated service area. Applicant will offer the service at rates comparable to those of the incumbent LEC serving the area.

6. Amending Applicant's certificate to expand its service area will serve the public interest. Applicant is an established competitive local exchange carrier in South Carolina. Provision of service by Applicant in the requested service area will enhance competition in the State of South Carolina by offering additional service options and high service quality to South Carolina telecommunications users.

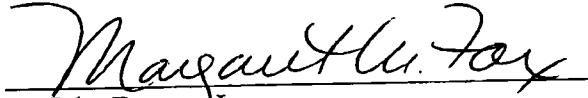
7. As demonstrated in Applicant's prior certification proceedings, and as demonstrated by Applicant's service history and the Annual Reports that are filed with the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff by Applicant and its parent company on an annual basis, Applicant has the technical, managerial, and financial resources necessary to provide service in the requested areas.

8. As demonstrated in Applicant's prior certification proceedings, and as demonstrated by Applicant's service history, Applicant will provide services which meet the service standards of the Commission; Applicant's provision of service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service, and will not otherwise adversely impact the public interest; and Applicant will support universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. The Commission has previously granted Applicant's request for flexible regulation of its local exchange telecommunications services. See Commission Order No. 2004-1 in Docket No. 2003-270-C. Applicant requests the same treatment for local exchange telecommunications services provided in the expanded area for which it requests certification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina amend the certificate of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC to include those areas described in this Application that are currently being served by Frontier, and that its rates and tariffs for such local telecommunications service in the expanded area be regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation, consistent with the authority previously granted by the Commission to Applicant for the local exchange areas it currently serves.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret M. Fox", written in dark ink.

M. John Bowen, Jr.

Margaret M. Fox

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LLC

Columbia, South Carolina

July 27, 2011

EXHIBIT A

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC Description of Key Personnel

PALMETTO TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
Key Personnel

Jason J. Dandridge

Mr. Dandridge has worked for Palmetto Telephone Communications since 1997. He was hired as PTC's Staff Engineer and was later promoted to Assistant General Manager. In his current role as Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Dandridge is responsible for ensuring the long term business and financial viability of the Company; managing the activities of the Company directly and through other key personnel; interpreting and implementing policies; evaluating new business opportunities and making recommendations to the Board of Directors; ensuring all operations comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations; and ensuring the success of the Company within the guidelines and authority established by the Board of Directors. Mr. Dandridge has extensive experience in the communications industry. Prior to joining PTC, he was employed with Design South Professionals.

Dewaine J. Wilson

Mr. Wilson joined Palmetto Telephone Communications in 2007 as its Controller. In 2010, he was promoted to Chief Financial Officer. As CFO, Mr. Wilson is responsible for financial reporting for the company and oversees Accounting, Billing, Customer Service, IT, Marketing and Regulatory. Mr. Wilson has over 20 years of financial management experience. Prior to joining Palmetto Telephone Communications, Mr. Wilson was a Controller at Hargray Communications Group; District Controller for Waste Management; Senior Financial Analyst with International Paper Company; and held the positions of Business Analyst, Internal Auditor and Accountant at Hughes Aircraft. Mr. Wilson has been very instrumental in implementing process controls and procedures and department budgets at PTC.

Tony Stout

Mr. Stout joined Palmetto Telephone Communications in 2010 and serves as the company's Chief Technology Officer. In his role as CTO, he is responsible for overseeing strategic direction for designing and building PTC's next generation network infrastructure. Additionally, he manages the company's daily engineering and operational duties. Mr. Stout has managed several key initiatives at PTC including the company's Microsoft Mediaroom deployment, upgrading PTC's network infrastructure and standardizing operational procedures.

Mr. Stout has more than 17 years of technology and business experience in various Telecom and Information Technology roles. He has managed numerous commercial deployments of next-gen technologies including several IPTV deployments, commercial web application development, carrier access, metro and core network deployments. Mr. Stout specializes in building technical teams and managing complex technology projects. Prior to joining PTC, he served as Hargray Communications' Network Engineering Manager, responsible for network design and technology planning for Hargray's carrier network infrastructure.

EXHIBIT B
Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC
Telecommunications Company Annual Report
For Calendar Year 2010

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC

Exact Legal Name of Respondent

PSC/ORS Number (leave blank)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2010

☒ Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2010

or

☐ Fiscal Year Ending _____

